Ayurvedic Medical Colleges

2796. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) out of the total budgetary allocation of his Ministry for the year 1993-94, how much amount has been allotted to:

1. Allopathy;
2. Ayurvedic system of treatments;

(b) the number of Ayurvedic colleges/ institutions and students who were in existence or on rolls in she country at the end of 6th and 7th Five Year plans and during the year 1993-94;

(c) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals, with details of the facilities available in the country during the above stated period;

(d) whether Government approve this trend of number of students etc. existing on these dates;

(e) if so, whether this oldest science of medicine is being duly preserved; and

(f) if not, what other measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILLY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Out of 1993-94 total plan allocations of the order of 1700 crores for Ministry, the allocations for ISM & H, is about 21 crores. There is no specific allocation for allopathy.

(b) and (c) The details of Ayurvedic Colleges with total admission capacity and hospitals with total bed strength are as follows:

	No. of Colleges	Admn. capacity	No. of Hospitals	Total bed strength
At the end of 6th Plan (*i.e.* during 1984-85)	97	3872	1460	15938
At the end of 7th Plan (*i.e.* during 1989-90)	98	3763	1530	19772
1993-94	107 (approved by CCIM)	NA	NA	NA

(d) to (f) Improvement of standards of Ayurvedic Colleges is of higher priority than increase in admissions in Ayurvedic Colleges. Government have established a number of Institutions to preserve and develop these systems and plan provision for 1993-94 have been increased by 50% over the previous year.

Science of Ayurved

2797. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oldest science of Ayurvedic system of treatment is almost being vanquished because of utter disregard and non-protection from Government;

(b) whether Government are also aware that very few people are left with the Nadi Gyan i.e. capacity of diagnosis of disease through vibration nf the pulse

in the country;

(c) what action Government propose to take so that this knowledge is preserved; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide due protection to the science of Ayurvedic diagnosis, preparatioin of cheap medicine and treatment with the help of such medicines which do not cause any side effect?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Observation of pulse is one of the 8 methods of clinical examination described in Ayurveda. In Ayurvedic Colleges students are trained in such diagnosis treatment and preparation of medicines. Further to preserve the traditional practices in Ayurvedic science a scheme has also been formulated under Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth in training Ayurvedic students under Guru-Shishya tradition.

Clinical Wastes from Hospitals

2798. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical study of the most unhygenic manner in which clinical wastes are dumped by the Delhi Hospitals and hospitals in the various States seriously polluting the hospital environment with threats of spreading deadly infections;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government to ensure strict control over the proper disposal of hazardous clinical wastes; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to conduct such a study with a view to provide clean and healthy hospital environment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) However, major Government Hospitals in Delhi dispose off clinical wastes through incineration.

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Study on effects of Air Pollution by Doctors of Maulana Azad Institute of Medical Sciences

2800. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to air pollution, the number of children suffering from Asthma in Delhi has been increased manifold during the past two years;

(b) if so, whether a study conducted by Doctors at the Maulana Azad Institute of Medical Sciences it has been revealed that the number of children suffering from Asthma are increasing alarmingly; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) According to the Maulana Azad Institute ' study 5-8% of the school-going children suffer from bronchial asthma. However, there is no evidence that this is wholly on account of air pollution.

(c) The question does not arise.